

Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue

Meeting Minutes

11/10/24

I. Call to order

Jessica Sutton called to order the Board meeting of Fetchin' Retrievers Rescue at 4:04 p.m. on November 10, 2024, via Zoom.

II. Attendees

Jessica Sutton
Barbara Renken
Sandy Diamond
Kris Harrigan
Carole Spies
Jackie Smith-Hastie
Jo Anne Delle (guest)

III. Approval of minutes from last meeting

Minutes approved by unanimous vote.

IV. Treasurer's Report

The Treasurer's Report for August was unanimously approved. As of 9/30/24, our cash balance was \$79,369.11.

As of 10/29/24, \$45,000 was transferred into a money market account. Barbara is updating the report for October to account for the balance in the MMF.

Barbara discussed possibly changing the way our financial reports are presented. We decided that we like the current format and she will add more detail.

V. Old Business

1. Fundraising update

Kris is working on the Holiday card

We decided to wait until Easter to do our next See's fundraiser

Kris is looking into setting up a Sip and Paint event for volunteers next year

Jackie and Barbara reported that we raised \$1,960.41 from the Clear the Shelter event

Kris submitted a Tailwaggers grant request for Maise; she hasn't heard back yet

2. Dog update

Clifford/Benny

Dog Rep: Barbara

Foster: Jennifer Stavish/San Diego

Medical: Healthy. On fluoxetine for anxiety, 40 mg daily, with occasional gabapentin when he will be left alone or for a vet visit.

Behavior: Reactivity on leash; barking at visitors to the home has increased in duration and intensity since Rosie arrived.

Action plan: Jennifer and Dave are working on creating positive association with the doorbell and are making a bit of progress. Will be in touch with B. Davis to schedule some Zoom sessions specifically to work on decreasing the barking.

Adoption Outlook: Guarded. Benny is a really good dog, but the leash reactivity, barking/growling at visitors and being on meds turns even people interested in him off.

Lady G

Dog Rep: Sandy

Foster: Mariet Zograbyan

Medical: Lubricant in left eye for the rest of her life. Mass on iris of right eye, possible melanocytoma vs melanoma. Lady G received updated vaccines on 10/31. She had an eye recheck on 11/4. There is no change compared to her April exam in her right eye (where the mass is.) There is no inflammation and the eye pressure is equal in both eyes and normal. Her vision is undisturbed and she is comfortable. She should continue to get the lubricating drops in her left eye. She is overweight. She saw the vet on 11/5 for an irritation on her elbow; gentamycin spray prescribed.

Behavior: None; somewhat shy and timid

Action plan: Next eye recheck in 10 months.

Adoption outlook: Home with another dog is fine, walks are one of her favorite things.

Mordatella/Morty

Dog Rep: Jessica Sutton

Foster: Rob and Allison Maresca

Medical: None

Behavior concerns: Needs leash skills

Action plan: Keeping posting Mondays With Morty

Adoption outlook: extremely good

Maisie

Dog Rep: Carole Spies

Foster: Lisa Rosenberg

Medical: High liver values, stiff gait, pacing

Behavior: None

Action plan: Appointment with Santa Clarita vet to recheck liver values on 11/18

Adoption outlook: Guarded

Waffles

Dog Rep: Jessica Sutton
Foster: Anne-Marie Cziko
Medical issues: None; will be neutered on Tuesday 11/12/24
Behavior: None; continue with training and socialization
Action Plan: Meeting with Hayden Lee scheduled
Adoption Outlook: Extremely good

Ollie

Dog Rep: Sandy Diamond
Foster: Kathryn Stanley
Medical issues: None; he was neutered on 10/31/24 and has received all vaccines
Behavior: None; continue with training and socialization
Action Plan: Continue to promote puppies
Adoption Outlook: Extremely good

Gracie

Dog Rep: Carole Spies
Foster: Pat Nevling
Medical issues: None
Behavior: Shy with people
Action plan: Vaccinations 11/13, spay 11/18
Adoption Outlook: Extremely good

Rosie

Dog Rep: Barbara Renken
Foster: Jennifer Stavish
Medical issues: None; scheduled for spay 11/18
Behavior: Shy, nervous in new situations, taking barking cues from Benny
Action plan: Jennifer will continue giving her more experiences now that she is fully vaccinated.
Adoption Outlook: Excellent. Jennifer would like to adopt her if we can find a solution for Benny

Barney

Dog Rep: Barbara Renken
Foster: Anne-Marie Cziko
Medical issues: None; scheduled for neuter 11/12
Behavior: Foster describes him as sensitive
Action plan: Continue with training and socialization
Adoption outlook: There is a meeting with potential adopters today (Ian Jeffries and Reid Prichard)

Lea

Adopted by Jan Garvey

Leo

Adopted by Carl & Elizabeth Persing

3. Foster Home Update

Jackie asked about coming up with a process to approve foster apps and how much involvement the board wanted in the decision. Jackie and Jessica will make the decisions.

4. Events update

Jackie did not hear back about the Farmer's Market and Barbara did not hear back about the dog event in San Diego. No other events planned currently.

5. Knack Update

We will discuss via a Zoom meeting on 11/23/24 at 10 a.m.

6. Treasurer Term Limits

Jessica will send an email to all board members with new language written by Kriss and we will vote remotely.

VI. New Business

1. Vaccines

Jackie will amend the Foster Home Agreement and circulate to the board for approval by adding a new clause along the lines of acknowledging any resident pets should be current with their Bordatella and influenza vaccines because they are potentially at risk when a foster dog comes into their home.

2. Volunteer recruitment

Jo Anne Delle reported that she has checked with volunteers who signed up in the last 18 months and didn't get any response from the majority of them. Jackie brought up that we need to find ways to get our volunteers to be more active.

Other ideas: we need a new volunteer to write post adoption notes; cultivate personal relationships; recruit one or two volunteer roles we need to fill in our next newsletter; possibly have a Transport Coordinator position.

The board will discuss which volunteer roles are to be the main focus for recruiting.

Discussed the need to periodically update the volunteer page password.

3. Training Deposit

We discussed implementing a training deposit on adopters of certain dogs (case by case basis) of \$250. Once training has been completed, the deposit will be returned. This is to try to ensure an adopted dogs gets ongoing training if needed.

VII. Next Meeting

December 8, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom

VIII. Adjournment

Jessica adjourned the meeting at 6:44 p.m.